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Dear Examiner:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 30, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application and in view of the telephonic interview with Applicant's representative on June 16, 2004, please consider the following remarks and attached Affidavit under 37 CFR § 1.132.

Although Applicant believes that no fee is due for this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

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